

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A recording medium playback apparatus comprising:

a main body;

a clamp unit clamping a recording medium to be received in the main body and rotating

the recording medium;

a movable frame supporting the clamp unit;

a lock unit movable between a lock position, in which the ~~clamp unit~~ movable frame is locked to the main body, and an unlock position, in which the ~~clamp unit~~ movable frame is made movable against the main body; and

a clamp lock/unlock unit limiting to unlock clamping by the clamp unit when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position, and allowing to unlock clamping by the clamp unit when the lock unit is positioned in the lock position,

wherein the clamp unit comprises:

a turntable positioning the recording medium on a surface thereof, and clamping the recording medium positioned on the surface, and rotating together with the recording medium; and

a pick-up unit provided to move freely between an unclamp position, in which clamping the recording medium on the turntable is unlocked, and a playback position, in which the

recording medium is clamped on the turntable and information on the recording medium is played back,

wherein the clamp lock/unlock unit limits the pick-up unit to move to the unclamp position when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position, and allows the pick-up unit to move to the unclamp position when the lock unit is positioned in the lock position.

2. (currently amended): The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the clamp lock/unlock unit comprises:

a cutout ~~formed by cutting out between~~ cut from an end of the pick-up unit, close to the turntable, ~~and to~~ an inner edge of the pick-up unit; and

a rotating member provided rotatably on the main body to move ~~an one~~ end portion of the rotating member between a ~~condition~~ position, in which the one end portion ~~can penetrate into~~ is located inside the cutout of the pick-up unit positioned in the playback position, and another ~~condition~~ position, in which the one end portion ~~moves out of~~ is located outside the cutout of the pick-up unit positioned in the playback position, the rotating member being biased so as to move the one end portion thereof toward the turntable,

wherein the one end portion of the rotating member penetrates into the cutout of the pick-up unit positioned in the playback position when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position, and ~~the other~~ another end portion of the rotating member is pushed by the lock unit in a direction ~~of~~ such that the one end portion moves out of the cutout, and the one end portion of the rotating member moves out of the cutout of the pick-up unit positioned in the playback position.

3. (previously presented): The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the clamp unit comprises:

a movable member provided ~~movable~~ movably along a direction perpendicular to a surface of the turntable and biased to move ~~close to~~ toward the turntable;

an extract/retract member provided between the turntable and the movable member, an end of the extract/retract member projecting from the surface when the movable member moves ~~close to~~ toward the turntable and retracting under the surface when the movable member moves apart from the turntable,

wherein the pick-up unit is provided with a first insert portion to penetrate between the turntable and the movable member when the pick-up unit moves from the playback position to the unclamp position,

wherein the other end portion of the rotating member is provided with a second insert portion to penetrate between the turntable and the movable member when the pick-up unit moves from the playback position to the unclamp position,

wherein the first insert portion and the second insert portion penetrate between the turntable and the movable member and the one end of the extract/retract member retracts under the surface of the turntable when the pick-up unit is in the unclamp position, and the first insert portion and the second insert portion move out of a gap between the turntable and the movable member and the one end of the extract/retract member projects from the surface of the turntable when the pick-up unit is in the playback position.

4. (canceled).